

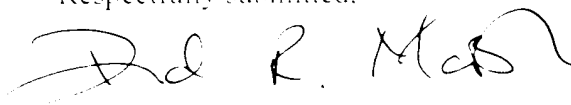
**Remarks**

By way of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to indicate the relationship of the present application to the priority documents. No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment, and its entry is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5068 with respect to any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

Applicants authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824, referencing Attorney Docket No. 16517.250 for any fees (including fees for net addition of claims) related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Appendix A**  
**Marked Up Specification**

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 to 8, and replace it with the following paragraph:

--This application claims [priority] benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/202,214 filed on May 8, 2000, and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. Application Serial No[s]. 09/654,617 filed September 5, 2000 as a continuation-in-part, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/684,016 filed October 10, 2000 as a continuation-in-part, and of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/816,660 filed March 26, 2001 as a continuation-in-part, the disclosures of which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--